



**ROCKLAND COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**  
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Christopher P. St. Lawrence  
Chairman

Anna Roppolo  
Executive Director

<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Others</u>
C. St. Lawrence	H. Phillips	G. Finn	K. Braunfotel	B. Beckmann
V. Altieri	I. Schoenberger	P. Moroney	J. Burnet	J. Heath
M. Grant	W. Sherwood	J. Oppenheim	G. Damiani	J. Meyer
A. Gromack	P. Soskin	F. Sparaco	J. diFrancesca	T. Pytlar
D. Jobson	A. Stewart		S. Haggerty	
L. Lynn	A. Wieder		A. Roppolo	
A. Paul			J. Sheridan	
			L. Stevenson	

1. The Chairman called to order the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Director's meeting for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 5:10 p.m.
2. Roll call by Clerk. There is a quorum.

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3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mayor Lynn

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4. **Introduced by: Jobson/Phillips                      Unan.                      January 22, 2015**

**Resolution No 1 of 2015  
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF  
December 18, 2014**

**RESOLVED**, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the meeting December 18, 2014, as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

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### 5.a. Executive Directors' Report

**Roppolo:** Suzanne is handing out the annual board of director's evaluation form that needs to be completed as required of Authority Budget Office each year.

The Authority outside engineers, D&B, are continuing to review MRF updates to improve efficiencies. We visited a facility in Connecticut to view their vacuum system. The system is utilized to remove plastic bags in their pre-sort system to make the rest of the line process more efficiently. Ted will be updating the Board on the review of the potential improvements and other items.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, Jerry Damiani, Kerri Scales and Joe diFrancesca have been working with our new MRF operators, Casella, to update protocols for specifically identifying loads from haulers that are not compliant with Article 17 – the recycling law. While companies are compliant, we have been asked to review the degree of compliance. For example, commercial routes may have some garbage included with recyclables. We anticipate performing another audit in mid-March for a two week period. Prior to the two week analysis, we intend to send letters to haulers reminding them of the Authority's MRF process, procedures and guidelines.

On the agenda for your consideration, is the final step regarding the Authority's SWMP which is a resolution indicating the adoption of the plan. I would like to note that we did not receive any public comments on the plan. Also on the agenda for your consideration is a resolution regarding the textile recovery initiative that was discussed at the last meeting.

Construction activities at the Bio solids facility are in full motion on a couple of different fronts and I'd like to ask Jeff Heath to update the Board on the progress of the building.

**Heath:** There is a roof on the building. There is a lot of trade ready to follow. Demolition has been completed and the structure of the building is going up unfortunately, we have to wait for the structure to put things in place. Everything is going well and there is a lot of activity about to happen.

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### 5.b. D&B Engineer's Report

T. Pytlar described the following work completed for the month of January.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF")

- Reviewed proposals and plans for improvements submitted by Casella – film sorting (vacum system), carton sorting, plastics #3-7 sorting, residue quantity reduction, improvements in PET and aluminum recovery, and general sorting improvements.
- Accompanied Authority staff on visit and inspection of City Carting single stream MRF, in order to observe film plastic sorting system.
- Attended monthly progress meeting with Casella.

Clarkstown Maintenance Garage

- Prepared design drawing and specifications in advance of March 2<sup>nd</sup> bid solicitation advertisement.

Umbrella Permit

- Attended meeting with NYSDEC along with Authority staff to review draft Umbrella Permit.
- Carried out follow up activities pursuant to issuance of the final Umbrella Permit.

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**6. Public Hearing - adjourned until February 26, 2015**

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**7. Introduced by: Phillips/Stewart Unan. January 22, 2015**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 of 2015  
APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Officers of the Authority Board are chosen each year at the Authority’s annual January meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the following Authority Board Members served as Officers in the year 2014:

Chairman:	Christopher P. St. Lawrence
Vice-Chairman:	Howard Phillips
Vice-Chairman:	Alex Gromack
Vice-Chairman:	Patrick Moroney
Secretary:	Vincent Altieri
Treasurer:	Philip Soskin
Deputy Treasurer:	Ilan Schoenberger

**WHEREAS**, the Authority Board has held its Annual Meeting and selected the Officers to serve in the year 2014; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Officers of the Authority for the year 2015 shall be as follows:

Chairman:	Christopher P. St. Lawrence
Vice-Chairman:	Howard Phillips
Vice-Chairman:	Alex Gromack
Vice-Chairman:	Patrick Moroney
Secretary:	Vincent Altieri
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Such Officers shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified at the next Annual Meeting in January 2016.

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8. **Introduced by:** Lynn/Weider **Unan.** **January 22, 2015**

**Resolution No. 3 of 2015  
ADOPT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") approved the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Plan and Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("SWMP"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority was formed in accordance with section 2053(c) et seq. of the Public Authority Law of the State of New York (the "State"), and resolution no. 301 of 1994 of the County Legislature, to implement certain provisions of the SWMP and to construct solid waste management facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockland County's original SWMP expired December 31, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, resolution no. 80 of 2010 awarded Cornerstone Engineering the contract to develop an updated SWMP; and

**WHEREAS**, a ten year plan is a requirement of the NYSDEC and is an essential element in maintaining an environmentally sound, integrated solid waste management program;

**WHEREAS**, the draft SWMP was submitted to the NYSDEC on December 16, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority and NYSDEC reviewed the plan and incorporated changes and suggestions through June 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a Public Review/Comment period from November 27, 2014 through January 12, 2015, meeting the 45 day requirement for comments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has prepared and reviewed a short environmental assessment form and has determined that the proposed project (1) constitutes an unlisted action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Part 617 of the NYCRR ("SEQRA"), and (2) will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority will submit the final Rockland County Solid Waste Management Plan to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for final Approval as required by NYCRR Section 360-15.10; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority Board hereby adopts the final Rockland County Solid Waste Management Plan; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Executive Director is authorized to submit to the NYSDEC all documents necessary for final approval.

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9. **Introduced By: Phillips/Sherwood Unan. January 22, 2015**

**RESOLUTION No. 4 OF 2015  
APPOINT SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS MANAGER  
TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the position of Operations Manager was established by the Rockland County Department of Personnel and by Authority Board Resolution No. 33 of 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority Board provisionally filled the position with the appointment of Gerard Damiani, Jr., by resolution 47 of 2014, starting October 23, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Director wishes to permanently appoint Gerard Damiani, Jr. as Solid Waste Operations Manager; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority Board hereby permanently appoints Gerard Damiani, Jr. as Operations Manager to the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority, starting on January 23, 2015.

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10. **Introduced by: Altieri/Phillips Unan. January 22, 2015**

**RESOLUTION NO. 5 of 2015  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN  
TO RECOVER MORE TEXTILES FROM THE WASTE STREAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (“RCSWMA”) operates a successful recycling program for Rockland County residents and businesses with a goal to reduce, reuse and recycle components of the waste stream in order to benefit the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the RCSWMA is supportive of expanding recycling efforts in New York State that capture and reuse waste items that would otherwise be disposed of as solid waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that only about 15% of unwanted textiles, including clothing, shoes, hats, linens, towels, and belts, are donated for reuse or recycling; the remaining 85% is simply trashed, estimated at 70 pounds per citizen per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the RCSWMA has recognized that the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR3), is teaming up with the Council for Textile Recycling (CTR), and the Association of Wiping Materials, Used Clothing and Fiber Industries, also known as Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles (SMART), to launch a first-of-its-kind statewide textile recovery campaign in New York State aimed at recovering 1.4 billion pounds of textiles trashed annually in New York State, with a market value of \$200 million, by:

- o Increasing awareness for the need to increase textile recovery and recycling and reducing wasteful textile disposal practices,
- o Enhancing job development through the recovery of more materials, and
- o Promoting collaboration between key textile recovery stakeholders, including collectors, recyclers, retailers, and municipal recycling professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the RCSWMA wishes to take a leadership role in recycling efforts to reduce solid waste and recycle those components of the waste stream in order to benefit the environment by promoting textile recovery efforts, and communicating the environmental, economic, and social benefits of increased textile recovery; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the RCSWMA does hereby express its strong support of a Statewide campaign to recover more textiles from the waste stream and to thereby reduce waste that would otherwise end up in the solid waste stream by promoting textile recovery efforts and communicating the environmental, economic, and social benefits of increased textile recovery. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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11. **Introduced By: Soskin/Jobson Unan.**

**January 22, 2015**

**RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2015  
AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, in the course of its operations, the Authority accumulates unneeded, worn-out or obsolete equipment, computers, furniture, machinery, tools, parts and vehicles which for it has no need; and

**WHEREAS**, upon occasion, the Authority deems such property to be "Surplus Equipment;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has recently determined that certain pieces of equipment identified on the attached "Schedule A" are Surplus Equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has the discretion to dispose of Surplus Equipment by various methods, including sale, auction, competitive bidding, and private negotiation, as set forth in its

Guidelines for Disposal of Authority Real and Personal Property (“Property Disposal Guidelines”); and

**WHEREAS**, it may be desirable for the Authority to negotiate disposition of pieces of Surplus Equipment with municipalities that need such equipment in a manner that may benefit the taxpayers of Rockland County, provided that such disposition is consistent with the Property Disposal Guidelines; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director or her staff are hereby authorized to dispose of the Surplus Equipment listed in the attached “Schedule A” in accordance with the Property Disposal Guidelines.

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12. Introduced by: Phillips/Soskin Unan. January 22, 2015

**RESOLUTION No. 7 OF 2015  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GHD FOR  
ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority (the “Authority”), is a public benefit corporation, duly organized and existing under the New York State Public Authorities Law, Title 13-M; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is in need of continuing, on-call consulting engineering services at the Hillburn Co-Composting Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, GHD Consulting Engineers, LLC (“GHD”) has rendered on-call engineering consulting services to the Authority for the Co-Composting Facility since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, GHD has submitted a proposed professional services agreement for 2015, for consulting services that include such tasks as

- review of monthly Operations Reports provided by Authority’s Facility Operator at the Co-Composting Facility;
- assistance at monthly operations meetings with the Authority and the Facility Operator to review issues, concerns, and planning elements associated with operations and capital repairs;
- assistance with issues concerning the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 relating to the existing Industrial User Wastewater Discharge Permit and ongoing sampling and analysis of wastewater;
- engineering assistance with the Food Waste Pilot Test and Assessment Program;

- program oversight of annual odor performance testing, including compliance and implementation of revisions to odor controls and software; and
- engineering support and oversight for facility repairs and upgrades and other such related with related tasks requiring GHD's expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, GHD has demonstrated professionalism, expertise and specialized knowledge that has benefitted the Authority; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into the proposed Professional Services Agreement with GHD for 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$186,300.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Capital Budget \$49,500 and Operating Budget \$136,800

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**13. New Business**

**Introduced by: Lynn/Sherwood Unan.**

**January 22, 2015**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2015**

**AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO THE COUNTY FLOW CONTROL LAW REGULATING THE COUNTY-WIDE COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF SOLID WASTE GENERATED IN ROCKLAND COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County Flow Control Law, Chapter 350 of the Laws of Rockland County, provides that the Authority shall promulgate such regulations as determined by the Authority to be in furtherance of the goals of the County Flow Control Law; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 41 of 2009 the Authority Board adopted Rules and Regulations to the County Flow Control Law Regulating the County-wide Collection and Disposition of Solid Waste Generated in Rockland County; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 17 of 2010, Resolution No. 78 of 2010, Resolution No. 34 of 2011 and Resolution No. 41 of 2012 the Authority Board amended the Rules and Regulations to the County Flow Control Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority wishes to further amend the Rules and Regulations to the County Flow Control Law in connection with the approval of commercial entity recycling programs and green waste recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has considered the attached amendments to the Rules and Regulations to the County Flow Control Law; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Board adopts the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations to the County Flow Control Law; and be it further



**RESOLVED**, that the Rules and Regulations to the County Flow Control Law, as amended in accordance with this resolution, shall be mailed to the clerk of the Rockland County Legislature and the clerk of each municipality and shall be posted on the Authority's website.

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**St. Lawrence:** Do we have any other new business? Since we don't have any other new business, do we have a motion to adjourn?

**Jobson:** Moved

**Gromack:** Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Haggerty